


REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are pending. Claims 1-13 and 19-22 are allowed. Claims 14-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(b). Claims 16-18 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claims 14 and 15 have been canceled without prejudice so that the present application may be allowed. It is expressly not conceded that the rejection of these claims is proper. Applicants may elect to continue the prosecution of these claims in a continuing application. Claims 16-18 have been rewritten by rewriting Claim 16 in independent form. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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